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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Recent Behaviour of SPC Bradley Manning

1. This additional memorandum supports 21 DEC 09 and 27 APR 10 MFRs, and highlights continued incidences of mental instability in SPC Bradley Manning.
2. On 071830MAY10 SPC Manning left the work area during a unit informal meal. I attributed his absence to discomfort with some of his coworkers, and assumed he moved to another work area in order not to participate in the function. About an hour later, a Soldier informed me SPC Manning was sitting on the floor of a storage room in a fetal position.
3. When I entered the room, SPC Manning was sitting upright with his knees tucked up towards his chin, obviously agitated about something. He clutched his head as though in pain. He clenched his eyes shut and said nothing. I noticed beside him a folding chair with cut marks on the padded seat, and an open gerber knife blade at SPC Manning's feet. Several pieces of cut vinyl lay by the tool. On the seat he etched with the blade the words, "I WANT." During the course of the conversation, I determined he was not in immediate danger of cutting himself. He stated he did not know why he etched these words.
4. Through repeated questions, I was able to get SPC Manning to respond. He then spoke at length about several issues. He stated he felt he was not there, and was not a person. He stated he had no personality. He went on to explain that the calm person who was speaking was a personality independent of the person sitting on the floor in obvious pain. He drew the analogy of him being a turtle with a core personality, and several layers of hardened shell, fragmented and designed to protect the core personality, and function in different situations as the need required. He also drew the analogy of his personalities being like layers of onion.
5. SPC Manning recently suffered a recent break-up with a close friend in the States. This situation has caused him considerable distress, both personally and concerning some of his property he stored with this individual for safekeeping.
6. SPC Manning fluctuated during the conversation between a calm individual and one in pain. As he spoke he seemed to be unhappy with what he revealed, and withdrew back to the state in

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which I found him. After about an hour, I was called to work and had to leave SPC Manning. I checked on him later. He seemed to be calm, and I left to do other work.

7. I considered during the conversation whether to send SPC Manning to his trailer, but decided he seemed to recover sufficiently to finish the last four hours of his shift. Later in the evening SPC Manning struck SPC Showman in the face during an argument.

8. After his discussion with CPT Worsley, I ensured he went to his room without weapon. We spoke at length about his childhood and reasons for joining the Army. He also stated he had no intention of striking SPC Showman, and had no idea why he did it. He then stated he may have responded to perceived slights delivered by SPC Showman prior to striking her. He also expressed significant concern of the repercussions of his actions, including UCMJ and OTH discharge. He stated that extra duty might cause further aggravation. He stated this in a matter of fact manner, not threatening. He also expressed concern as to where he would work in the coming days. I told him nothing had been decided at this point, but my desire was to see he received proper treatment for his illness. He returned to his trailer at approximately 080300MAY10.

9. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned, at SVOIP (b) (6) I, or (b) (6) s@us.army.mil.



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